



# US 285 Safety Improvements Project

## Project Details

US Highway 285 continues to experience traffic congestion and crashes due to the increase in motorists that travel the corridor. The Colorado Department of Transportation has identified safety improvements near the town of Bailey.

The US 285 Safety Improvements Project is intended to make the route safer for the traveling public, reduce risk for local residents, improve flow through the area, and reduce crashes. The project focuses on:

- Section A: Northbound US 285 through the Town of Bailey
- Section B: Northbound/southbound US 285 between the interchange at County Road 72 and Rosalie Road, approximately one mile
- Safer and more efficient routes as a result of the removal of the traffic signal at US 285 and CR 43A (additional fact sheet available showing new routes)



## Project Benefits

### Safety

- Decreasing possible crash locations at the intersection of US 285 and CR 43A
- Free right turns at CR 43A allows for improved traffic flow
- Increase acceleration lane length to design standard at the interchange of US 285 and CR 72
- Reduce crossover crashes by installation of median barrier
- Reduce the potential for rear end crashes by the removal of the traffic signal at CR 43A
- Decrease travel speed through Bailey
- Provide deceleration lanes in Bailey

### Access

- Provides safer access points to businesses in Bailey

### Travel Times

- Removal of the traffic signal at CR 43A allows traffic on US 285 to flow through the area removing the traffic backups currently occurring



## Section A (Northbound US 285 - Bailey)

### Safety Issues:

Northbound US 285 through the town of Bailey

- High speeds reported through Bailey for northbound movement
- Public concerns have been received for the issue
- Northbound does not have deceleration/access lanes

Southbound US 285 through the town of Bailey

- Southbound has been completed and the safety concerns have been reduced
- Southbound speeds have been reduced

### Proposed Improvements:

- Restripe Northbound 285 to be a single through lane with deceleration lanes at driveways, similar to the work that has been completed on Southbound 285.

## Section B Northbound/Southbound US 285 between County Road 72 and Rosalie Road

### Safety Concerns:

- Significant traffic backups during the summer
- Public concerns regarding short acceleration lane
- Large queues of traffic and long wait time as CR 43A
- History of crashes in the area

### Proposed Improvements:

- Free right from CR 43A to US 285 into acceleration lane. Does not require southbound traffic to stop
- Free right from US 285 to CR 43A. Does not require traffic exiting to CR 43A to stop.
- Median barrier to reduce crossover crashes
- Single lanes northbound and southbound allows free flow through traffic
- Removal of signal to reduce traffic backups, rear end crashes, and improve air quality

## Project Schedule

- Digital Public Meeting - Late June
- Contractor Hired - Late summer
- Construction Start - September
- Construction Completion - November
- All work will be completed in one construction season.

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